

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for this application is identical to the paper copy and the computer readable Sequence Listing filed on February 6, 2003 in the present application's parent U.S. Application No. 09/ 646,899. No new matter has been added.

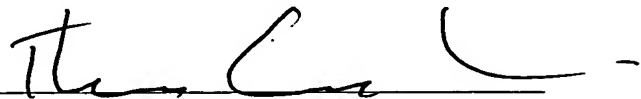
In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), please use the computer readable form (CRF) filed on February 6, 2003 in the parent application as the computer readable form for the present application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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